



South
Staffordshire
College

GET YOUR

UNI DEGREE

AT SSC



Welcome to higher education at South Staffordshire College

Enhance your career prospects by studying a #UniDegreeAtSSC.

Benefit from studying locally, at affordable prices and with excellent teaching and support from our team of experienced staff.

Whether you're planning a career in cyber security or animal management, childcare, film and TV or the music industry, with a higher education course at South Staffordshire College, you don't just start your career, you create it.

Whatever you choose to study, you'll receive hands-on, practical training, delivered by expert staff with industry experience. From teamwork to leadership, you'll also gain the professional skills that local employers demand, so when you graduate you'll be prepared for a successful career.

Some of the benefits of studying with us are:



Our course fees are often

£2000 less

than other universities.



Stay close to home

You can also save money on accommodation and travel too.



Smaller class sizes

There will be fewer students in your class compared to if you were at university.



Travel opportunities

Take advantage of the fantastic travel opportunities when studying with us.

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Open events

If you are interested in finding out more about one of our higher education courses or would like to speak with a tutor, book onto one of our upcoming open days. Visit our website for more details:

[southstaffs.ac.uk/
open-days](https://southstaffs.ac.uk/open-days)

Our courses are accredited by:



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Higher education route map

Understanding your options. To study for a higher level qualification, you will usually need to have successfully completed a level 3 qualification such as:

A Levels • L3 Award • L3 Certificate • L3 Diploma • NVQ L3 • Advanced Apprenticeship

If you don't have these qualifications, don't worry. We assess all applications on an individual basis and accept applications from people with a wide variety of skills and experiences and those who may hold non-traditional qualifications. We also offer a choice of access to higher education diplomas designed to help you get on track.

Level 4 Undergraduate	HNC	Certificate of higher education (CertHE)	Foundation degree FdA, FdSc	Level 4 award/ certificate/ diploma	NVQ level 4	Higher apprenticeship
	What next? By completing a level 4 qualification, you can enter employment or continue your studies. You may be able to progress onto year 2 of a Level 6 BA or BSc Hons upon completing a HNC.					

Level 5 Undergraduate	HND	Diploma of higher education (CertHE)	Foundation degree FdA, FdSc	Level 5 award/ certificate/ diploma	NVQ level 5	Certificate in education (CertEd)
	What next? You can progress into employment or continue with your studies. Level 5 qualifications can often be 'topped up' to a Level 6 BA or BSc Hons in just 1 year.					

Level 6 Undergraduate	Honours, degrees (BA Hons, BSc Hons)	Level 6 award/ certificate/ diploma	NVQ level 6	Graduate certificate/ diploma	Degree apprenticeship
	What next? You can progress into employment or continue to study at postgraduate level.				

Level 7 Postgraduate	Masters degree (MA, MSc)	Integrated masters degree (MEn)	Postgraduate/ certificate/ diploma	Postgraduate certificate in education (PGCE)
	What next? You may progress directly into employment or on to a doctorate level qualification.			

Level 8 Postgraduate	Doctorate (PhD, DPhil)	Integrated masters degree (MEn)
	What next? You will progress directly into employment.	



Access into higher education

Would you like to study at university level but don't have the qualifications you need? Our access to higher education diplomas are an alternative route into higher education and could give you the entry requirements you need.

Access to HE diplomas are designed to reintroduce you to learning and will help develop your critical thinking and academic skills alongside subject specialist knowledge and skills in just one year. By the time you complete your course, you'll be ready to start your degree and take the next steps towards your chosen career. We offer courses in a variety of subjects to help get you on track, in just 1 year!

Access diplomas you can study with us:

- Access to HE diploma - health professionals
- Access to HE diploma - social science and humanities
- Access to HE diploma - business and management
- Access to HE diploma - landbased studies
- Access to HE diploma - computer science
- Access to HE diploma - public sector services and policing

For more information or to apply for one of our access to higher education diplomas please visit: southstaffs.ac.uk/access

Where you can study HE:

Lichfield College

Are you looking for somewhere to express your creativity? At Lichfield College we will support you to turn your creative talent in to your career.

Tamworth College

With fantastic learning and commercial facilities Tamworth offers you the opportunity to gain real world industry experience in a range of exciting areas.

Rodbaston College

Take advantage of the beautiful countryside at Rodbaston. With acres of farmland and an onsite Zoo, Rodbaston is a fantastic setting to start your career.

Cannock College

With state-of-the-art industry standard training facilities, Cannock College is the place to kick-start your dream career.



Animal care

Would you like to learn more about the science behind how animals live, interact and behave, with a view to a long term career in the animal and landbased industry?

Whether you want a future exploring the anatomy, nutrition, physiology or behaviour of animals, highly skilled professionals are in high demand. Our courses will give you the scientific knowledge you need for a rewarding career in the animal and landbased industry.

Animal care course you can study with us:

Foundation degree in animal science with animal behaviour (FdSc)

Course Code: 1A44

Awarded by: Staffordshire University

Delivered at: Rodbaston College

Duration: 2 years, full-time

Apply: via www.ucas.com

“I have loved having the chance to gain experience with working with a variety of animals throughout my years at Rodbaston College and learning how to care for and manage them correctly.”

Zoe Thompson - Student

Rodbaston College

is home to a commercially run working farm, a fishery, an equestrian centre & zoo with hundreds of species.



As well as practical skills you will develop your academic skills in research and communication.



You will have the opportunity to develop, extend and apply your understanding of the scientific method and animal behaviour.



You can also study the Fdsc course over 4 years, part-time. Apply direct at: www.staffs.ac.uk/course/USSR-10550.jsp



Early childhood (Subject to validation)

Are you passionate, enthusiastic and committed to working with young children, supporting their learnings and development?

If you work or volunteer in an early years setting and would like to further your career and knowledge, or if you are currently completing a level 3 in early years and would like to continue learning, this may be the course for you. Through classroom delivery, group work, online, practical, workshops, one to one support, research and reflection, you will study a range of topics.

Early childhood course you can study with us:

Foundation degree Education (early childhood studies) (FdA)

Awarded by: Staffordshire University

Delivered at: Lichfield College

Duration: 2.5 years, part-time

Apply direct: www.staffs.ac.uk/course/education-early-childhood-studies-fda-ussl

“Throughout this course I enjoyed learning about different views and perspectives on how children learn. I specifically enjoyed researching different approaches to children’s learning. This allowed me to reflect on my own practice and to develop as a practitioner.”

Hannah Jordan - Student



You’ll have the chance to complete **work experience** as part of your studies, giving you practical industry experience.

Careers

Primary school teacher
Early years teacher
Early years manager
Early years practitioner
Teaching assistant
Play worker
Child psychologist
and many more...



**Amy Richards,
Student**

“This course has not only broadened my knowledge of childcare practice and theory but has helped me understand and appreciate why we do the things we do in setting. The course has built my confidence both professionally and academically and I genuinely feel I can achieve my long-term goals via this route.”



Teacher training

Do you aspire to be a teacher in the FE and skills sector? Share your industry experience and help to shape the careers of young people and adults!

If you work or volunteer in an early years setting and would like to further your career and knowledge or if you are currently completing a level 3 in early years and would like to continue learning, this may be the course for you. Through classroom delivery, group work, online, practical, workshops, one to one support, research and reflection, you will study a range of topics.

Teacher training course you can study with us:

Certificate in education (PCET)/PGCE

Awarded by: Staffordshire University

Delivered at: Lichfield College

Duration: 2 years, part-time

Apply direct: www.staffs.ac.uk/course/post-compulsory-education-training-certificate-education-ussl

"This course has helped me develop myself professionally. The tutors are on hand to assist where required and offer a wealth of knowledge and guidance. With this qualification I now have the skills to help me gain promotion to my next role within my organisation."

Paul Clarke - Student



As well as your teaching skills, you will develop your team working skills and gain experience of project management.



You will study at our Lichfield College site and be trained by our **industry expert** tutors who have first hand experience in the education sector.



Careers

There are lots of rewarding career opportunities for you to explore within teaching.

After completing this course, you'll be equipped to teach in the following sectors:

Further education colleges, sixth forms, private organisation, voluntary organisations, work-based training, prisons, young offender institutes and many more...



Engineering (Subject to validation)

Are you a level 3 engineer looking to progress and develop your engineering design and problem solving skills?

This course will build on your existing engineering skills and experience. As part of the foundation degree, you will gain up to level 4 engineering skills, and ensure you are confident with using statistics, algebra and trigonometry in your everyday roles. Subject to validation, this qualification will be accredited and awarded by the University of Wolverhampton.

Engineering course you can study with us:

Foundation degree Engineering (FDEng)

Course Code: TBC subject to validation

Awarded by: University of Wolverhampton

Delivered at: Cannock College

Duration: 2 years full time or part time day release

Apply direct: email enquiries@southstaffs.ac.uk

“Our foundation degree in engineering will give you lots of practical experience in a range of engineering skills, to help you to shape your future in the engineering world.”

Seamus Miley - Engineering tutor



You will train using our industry standard equipment in our state-of-the-art AME Hub



Whilst studying you will use specialist software such as AutoCAD, SolidWorks, FESTO and 3D printing.



Your work based project will be relevant to your workplace to help them achieve their business goals.



As this is a progression course for existing engineers, this qualification could help you to secure that desired promotion.



Music

Are you passionate about music composition, production and performance?

Music composition, production, performance and coding play a huge role in today's creative industries. If you want to develop skills in song writing/composition and production and also have the opportunity to create your own software and hardware tools to use in a performance environment, then this course is for you.

Music course you can study with us:

Foundation degree in music performance technologies (FdA)

Course Code: W370

Awarded by: University of Wolverhampton

Delivered at: Tamworth College

Duration: 2 years, full-time

Apply: via www.ucas.com

"The course has developed me as a musician and a technologist in more ways than I could have imagined. Ultimately this course has been life changing and I would highly recommend it to any adult seeking to start a course!"

Simon Dunn - Student



You will be taught by talented musicians who have extensive experience in the music industry.



You will develop music production skills and create audio productions in our professional recording studio.



Plan and take part in music events and gigs for your friends, family and the public in the local area.

Careers

Music producer
Professional musician
Sound engineer
Music composer
Sound designer
Music educator
and many more...



Film & TV

Do you want an exciting career in directing, editing, producing, cinematography, lighting or animation?

This course is designed to provide the skills you need to kickstart a career behind the scenes in digital film and television production. You will develop a portfolio of digital film and television work, including a live studio production, corporate promotional videos, documentary, and a feature film. The UK's creative industries are booming and there are countless opportunities for talented people like you to thrive.

Film & TV courses you can study with us:

Foundation degree in film & television production technology (FdSc)

Course Code: P392

Awarded by: Staffordshire University

Delivered at: Lichfield College

Duration: 2 years, full-time

Apply: via www.ucas.com

BSc (Hons) in film & television production technology (Top Up)

Awarded by: Staffordshire University

Delivered at: Lichfield College

Duration: 1 year, full-time

Apply direct at: www.staffs.ac.uk/course/USSL-10671.jsp



Our facilities include: film and TV studios and music production studios.



You will gain the practical skills and expert knowledge required to become a confident member of any production team.



You will take part in a red carpet, end of year premier to showcase your work to your friends and family.



You will become proficient in the use of Adobe Premiere, After Effects, and Photoshop.

Student finance

Wondering how to cover the cost of your studies? We've provided an overview of your options below.

Tuition fee loans and 19+ advanced learner loans:

- Available for full-time and part-time students.
- Covers the cost of your tuition fees in full and is paid directly to us.
- Available to everyone, regardless of financial circumstances or employment status.
- Repayments won't commence until you earn over the threshold salary.
- The amount you pay back will depend on what you earn after your graduate.
- For more information about tuition fee loans please visit: www.gov.uk/student-finance
- For more information about the advanced learner loan, speak to a member of our learner services team: 0300 456 2424.

Maintenance loans

If you're applying to become a full-time student, you may be able to apply for a maintenance loan per year to help with living costs. This payment is paid directly to you, into your chosen bank account. To find out more visit: www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance

Grants, scholarships and bursaries

There are different types of grants available depending on your circumstances, there is also extra help available for disabled students or those with dependant children or adults. Unlike loans, you do not have to pay back a grant. Scholarships and bursaries may also be available. For more information or to apply visit www.direct.gov.uk/studentfinance. If you have any questions about student finance you can call our team on 0300 456 2424.

How to apply

There are two ways to apply. You can apply through UCAS for most of our full-time courses, visit: www.ucas.com to register. You will need to apply directly for the remaining courses that aren't available through UCAS. For these, please use the link details on the relevant course page or visit: southstaffs.ac.uk/higher-education for more information.

When applying through UCAS you will need to have the following information to hand:

- The institution code - Staffordshire University: S72 or The University of Wolverhampton: W75
- The campus code: Staffordshire University: U /or The University of Wolverhampton: R
- The UCAS course code, e.g W370. You'll find these in this guide next to the course of your choice.

You should submit your application to UCAS by their set deadline, which can be found on their website: www.ucas.com. If you miss this deadline, don't worry as applications for undergraduate courses can still be accepted following this date through UCAS extra and clearing - just give us a call and we can help guide you through the application process.



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